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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 1093

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS ET
SUBJ: BELEZA POWER LINE BLOWN

1. AT 2040 HOURS DEC. 27 INSURGENTS BLASTED A TRANSMISSION TOWER CARRYING THE POWER LINE FROM THE BELEZA PLANT TO ASMARA. THE BOMBING OCCURRED NEAR THE POWER PLANT WHERE THE TOWER AND POLE TRANSMISSION LINES RUN CLOSE TOGETHER, SO THAT THE CRIPPLED TOWER FELL ON THE POLE LINE SEVERING THE POWER TO ASMARA FOR THE SEVENTH TIME THIS YEAR. IN THE LATTER PART OF THIS YEAR, THESE LINES HAVE BEEN CUT ON AN AVERAGE ONCE A MONTH.

2. EELPA OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THEY EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO RESTORE POWER TO THE CITY BY THE EVENING OF DEC. 28. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
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HAVING EXPERIENCED SUCH FREQUENT SABOTAGE OF THESE LINES, EELPA HAS THE EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINED TECHNICIANS TO RAPIDLY REPAIR INSURGENT DAMAGE. SHOULD EELPA NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN REPAIRING THE LINE BEFORE CURFEW ON DEC. 28, POWER FROM THE PLANT AT KAGNEW WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY.
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